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IN SUPPORT OF Bill 53 CD2 – Relating to Open Data

I am Sharon Moriwaki, Co-chair of the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum (Forum), a voluntary organization of 45 member organizations committed to clean, sustainable energy for Hawaii and representing Hawaii's electric utilities, oil and natural gas suppliers, environmental and community groups, renewable energy industry, and federal, state and local government. We have been meeting since 2002 and have adopted a common vision and mission, and a comprehensive "10 Point Action Plan," to meet our preferred energy vision and goals.

The Forum strongly supports Bill 53 CD2, Relating to Open Data, that proposes to make accessible and transparent city data in electronic format, building upon on data sets already available and accessible to the public (e.g. Data.gov, Data.Hawaii.Gov, and Data.Honolulu.Gov). This is a great opportunity for government to collaborate and co-create the delivery of services with the community it serves. This process will not only fuel economic development in the technology sector but will make data available and accessible for measuring progress on a number of fronts critical to our future both for Honolulu and the State. In particular, the Forum is pleased that there will be greater possibilities in measuring our progress in advancing clean energy, particularly clean transportation by making data such as "vehicle miles traveled" (VMT) available to measure progress. Bill 53 (2013) will further enhance the work we do and can help other projects, organizations, and the public.

Based on the foregoing, the Forum strongly supports Bill 53 CD2, and respectfully urges passage of the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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